GOATS

2026

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March 15	**Project Enrollment Deadline**
May 1	**Project Possession Deadline**
May 1	**Market Goat, Pygmy, Breeding & Dairy Goat Entries Due to OSUE office** • **Projects must be declared in exhibitors name at time of entry.**
May 1	**Goat Ambassador Application Due**
May 19	**Goat Ambassador Contest: Thursday, 4:30 p.m. Interviews & Contest at 7:00 p.m. OSU Extension Office**
June 16	**Skillathon: Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. Fairground-Peterson Building**
July 10	**Breeding, Dairy & Pygmy Arrival: Friday, 6:00 p.m. to July 11 at 10:00 a.m., Goat/Sheep Barn**
July 11	**Breeding, Dairy & Pygmy Exhibitor Meeting: Saturday, 10:30 a.m., Goat/Sheep Barn**
July 11	**Dairy Show, Breeding Goat Show & Showmanship: Saturday, 2:00 p.m., Hog Barn**
July 11	**Breeding & Dairy Goat Project Release Begins: Saturday, 11:00 p.m., Goat/Sheep Barn**
July 12	**Pygmy Goat Show & Showmanship: Sunday, 9:00 a.m., Hog Barn**
July 12	**Pygmy Goat Release Time: After completion of Pygmy Show & Showmanship. Must be removed by 2:00 p.m.**
July 12	**All Breeding Goats & Pygmy Goats Must Be Removed: Sunday, 2:00 p.m., Sheep/Goat Barn**
July 12	**Mandatory Market Goat Arrival: Sunday, 9:00 p.m. to Monday, July 13, 8:00 a.m., Goat/Sheep Barn**
July 13	**Market Exhibitor Meeting: Monday, 8:30 a.m., LEC**
July 13	**Market Goat Weigh In: Monday, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Hog Barn**
July 13	**Market Goat Showmanship: Monday, 1:00pm, Hog Barn**
July 15	**Market Goat Show: Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., Hog Barn (Following Market Lamb Show, and Production Ewe Show)**
July 15	**Non-Sale Market Lamb Release: Wednesday, 11:00 p.m., Sheep/Goat Barn**
July 18	**Sale of Champions: Saturday, 1:00 p.m., Fairground-LEC** **Sale order: All grand champions & reserve grand champions, goat, lamb, beef, poultry, rabbit, dairy & swine** **No equipment or projects are to be moved during the Junior Fair Livestock Sales.**

Goat Identification

Market goats must have official USDA TAGS at the time of entry.

All other goats exhibited at Ohio fairs must have an official USDA scrapie ear tag or tattoo. Certain tattoos are recognized as official ID by the USDA. For non-registered animals, the tattoo must include a premises ID assigned by USDA and an individual animal number. Registered goats with breed-recognized tattoos moving with their registration certificates meet the federal and state ID requirements. Exhibitors with goats moving without a registration certificate must contact the USDA office to obtain their registry-assigned herd ID and to be assigned a premise ID. Then contact the OSUE office with the information.

All goat showmanship classes, and order are as follows:

Showmanship:

Pee Wee Showmanship
4-H Cloverbud age and below on Jan. 1 of current year - for participation only.

Senior Showmanship Division
18 to 14 years of age by Jan. 1 of the current year.

Intermediate Showmanship Division
13 to 12 years of age by Jan. 1 of the current year.

Junior Showmanship Division
11 to 10 years of age by Jan. 1 of the current year.

Beginner Showmanship Division
9 to 8 years of age by Jan. 1 of the current year.

Showman of Showmen
Each division champion will compete for overall Showman of Showmen

Showmanship participants must show his/her own designated Junior Fair project animal.

Clinton County Sweepstakes Showmanship Contest

- The current senior market showmanship division winner will represent the goat department in the Clinton County Sweepstakes Showmanship Contest. It will be at the Judge's discretion to pull second place winner from divisions into the Showman of Showmen competition. That decision will be made and announced the day of the show.

Goat Breeding Show
(One entry per exhibitor in each class)
All first and second place animals will return for their respective division and champion drive.

Show Order:

Dairy Goats
All breeds will be shown together by age, **not** breed specific.

Dairy Classes- (All ages are as of the show date and Date of Birth must be provided on Entry form.)
Intermediate Kid Doe, Kids born in March of current year
Senior Kid Doe, Kids born January and February of current year.
Dry Yearling Doe, under 2 years old, dry, never kidded
Yearling Milker, under 2 years, freshened
Milker, 2 years old and under 3 years old
Senior Milker, 3 years old and under 4 years old
Aged Milker, 4 years and older
Dam & Daughter, one older doe and one of her kids (any age), which has been exhibited in the current year's dairy show **by the same exhibitor.**

Meat Production Does (All ages are as of show date and Date of Birth must be provided on Entry form.)
Doe Kid 3-6 months
Doe Kid 6-9 months
Doe Kid 9-12 months
Overall Doe Kid Division
Intermediate Doe 12-16 months
Intermediate Doe 16-20 months
Intermediate Doe 20-24 months
Overall Intermediate Doe Division
Senior Doe 24-36 months
Senior Doe 36 months plus
Overall Senior Doe Division
Dam & Daughter, One older doe and one of her kids (any age), which has been exhibited in the current year's meat production show **by the same exhibitor.**

Breeding Goat Showmanship will be held following completion of all breeding goat classes.

Pygmy Show
(One entry per exhibitor in each class)
All first and second place animals will return for their respective division and champion drive.

Pygmy goats must be dehorned.

Pygmy Classes (All ages are of the show date and Date of Birth must be provided on Entry Form)
Class 1- Wethers 3-6 months
Class 2- Wethers 6-9 months
Class 3- Wethers 9-12 months
Class 4- Wethers 12-18 months
Class 5- Wethers 18-24 months
Overall Junior Wether Division
Class 6- Wethers 2 years and under 3 years
Class 7- Wethers 3 years and under 4 years
Class 8- Wethers 4 years and older

Overall Senior Wether Division
Class 9- Does 3-6 months
Class 10- Does 6-9 months
Class 11- Does 9-12 months
Class 12- Does 12-18 months
Class 13- Does 18-24 months
Overall Junior Doe Division
Class 14- Freshened Does under 2 years
Class 15- Does 2 years and under 3 years
Class 16- Does 3 years and under 4 years
Class 17- Does 4 years and older
Overall Senior Doe Division
Class 18- Mother/kid class – entry will consist of one older doe and one of her kids (any age, doe or wether), which has been exhibited in the current year's pygmy show by the same exhibitor.

Pygmy Goat Showmanship: will be held following completion of the pygmy classes.

Market Goat Show
Must be a minimum weight of 60 lbs. and less than one year of age at the time of the show.
Exhibitor may enter three market animals, show three market animals and sell one.
All grand and reserve division winners will return for the champion drive.

Show Order:

Dairy Market Class – They must be of 100% dairy origin. Dairy Wethers and Does must be a minimum weight of 60 lbs. and be less than one year of age at the time of show. Dairy Wethers and Does will be inspected at the time of tag in to qualify for the class. Animal may not have been shown as a Goat Breeding project. Champion and Reserve will be selected. This class does not return for the final drive of the market show.

Wether Dam Class – Kids no older than 12 months at time of show. Animal may not have been shown as a Goat Breeding project. Champion and Reserve will be selected. This class does not return for the final drive of the market show.

Market Goat Start-Up Class – See Market Goat Start-Up Program guidelines below. This class will not be considered toward **Overall Market Goat** Outstanding Exhibitor Award points**, but will be used for the Outstanding Goat Start-Up Exhibitor Award points**. Champion and reserve will be selected. Animal must also be shown in regular Market Goat Classes.

Market Home Grown Class - Exhibitors may show one homegrown kid in the homegrown class. The animal will be considered one of the exhibitor's three market goat entries. To qualify to show in the homegrown class: the doe must be owned by and in the possession of the exhibitor's immediate family. The doe must be on the residence of the exhibitor's immediate family at the time of the kid's birth. Kid must be born and raised on the immediate family member's farm. The Homegrown Champion and Homegrown Reserve Champion will **not** return and stand as a class in the final drive of the market show. **Homegrown Champion and Reserve will be selected. Homegrown goats will also be entered to show in their respective weight class in the regular Market Goat classes to compete for overall Grand and Reserve Market Goat**.

(Refer to the approved definition of immediate family in the Project Grooming Rules section of this book.)
Market Goat Classes - May come from any breed of goat. Chevon meat, castrated male or doe must be a minimum weight of 60 lbs. and be less than one year of age at the time of show. Leg hair may be left below the knees and the hocks. **Market goats weighing less than 60 pounds will not get premium market price when sold to United Produces In.**

Classes: All Junior Market Goats will be weighed and divided into four (4) divisions with at least two (2) classes per division and up to 12 exhibitors per class. Weight classes are dependent on the number of exhibitors on the day of show. There could be up to a 3-pound variance in the class breaks but every effort will be made to keep in structure listed below.

Division 1 (D1)-Light Weight Market Goat

Division 2 (D2)- Middle Weight Market Goat
Division 3 (D3)-Middle Heavyweight Market Goat
Division 4 (D4)- Heavyweight Market Goat

General Goat Rules

1. Horns may be left on market goats and all meat breeding does. The Clinton County Sheep and Goat Committee will allow all Dairy Goats to have horns to benefit all exhibitors but please note-The desired aesthetic for a dairy goat is to be polled or dehorned, and it is not industry standard for dairy goats to be exhibited with horns. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitor and family to understand this rule and how it is enforced in shows outside of the Clinton County Jr. Fair.
2. Market goats must be body clipped/show ready by weigh in.
3. All exhibitors are to wear clean clothing. Pants should have no rips, tears or holes. Shirts are to be tucked in or meet the pants while stooping or bending. No backs or midriffs are to be showing. Good sturdy footwear (boots) should be worn. Dairy exhibitors should wear all white.
4. Pen assignments will be made by the Goat/Sheep Committee. Absolutely no pens are to be changed without approval from the Goat/Sheep Committee.
5. Each Jr. Fair Exhibitor is responsible for his or her animal. Pens must be properly bedded and aisles clear at all times. No hay or straw will be permitted in the aisles. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their own pen(s) at the conclusion of their show. Designated areas to dump waste will be announced. Bedding partitions are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
6. Wethers with evidence of testicular tissue will be disqualified at check-in during the fair.
7. Only one person per animal in make-up ring and show ring.
8. No drenching or use of bottles.
9. Sheep and Goat Committee reserves the right to combine classes based on participation/exhibitor entries, including showmanship.
10. Exhibitors wanting to sell in the auction must turn in a sale card to the announcers stand during the market show or in the Senior Fair Office by 6:30 p.m. on Thursday of the fair.
11. The county Fair Veterinarian will have the final decision on the proper care of the animal to the point of excusing a member from showing and determination of the animal's fitness to show.
12. Individual project ownership will be determined and declared in exhibitor's name at time of entry (by individual exhibitor, not by family name). Exhibitors will be given the opportunity to change ownership of the animal among their family members by contacting the OSU Extension Office no later than the current year's Skillathon date or informing the Goat/Sheep Committee at the Skillathon event. ONLY animals that were entered on May 1, by a member of the same family, can be switched. No changes can be made after the current year's Skillathon date.

Outstanding Market Goat, Outstanding Pygmy Goat & Outstanding Breeding Goat Exhibitor Awards

The Outstanding Exhibitor Award recognizes the exhibitor who excels in goat knowledge, showmanship, and class placings. Based on a total point system of ninety (90) points; 1/3 will be based on the exhibitor's Skillathon placing; 1/3 will be based on the exhibitor's showmanship placing, and 1/3 will be based on the **highest** placing of the exhibitors' class placings. Points will be awarded to the three areas as follows:

Placing Points:
1st.....30
2nd.....25
3rd.....20
4th.....15
5th.....10
6th.....5

Ties will be broken as follows:

First tie breaker - Skillathon score, second tie breaker - highest showmanship placing, third tie breaker - placing of the exhibitor's highest class placing, fourth tie breaker - placing of the exhibitor's second highest class placing. If a tie still exists, an interview will be conducted between the individual exhibitors and the designated members of the Goat Committee.

A Senior (14-18 years) and Junior (8-13 years) will be presented in each project.

Awards will be presented at the Sale of Champions Saturday, July 18 at 1:00pm.

2026 Goat Start-Up Program

- This program is for first time market goat exhibitors. Previous pygmy and dairy goat exhibitors are eligible.
- Youth wanting to participate in the program must contact the OSU Extension Office at 937-382-0901
- The price for the Market Goat Start-Up Program is $200 and due at time of registration. (The checks are to be made payable to the Clinton County 4-H Committee)
- Registration is due by March 15 or until the program is full.
- Exhibitors must sign up for a market goat project (135M) when completing 4-H/FFA enrollment. The animal cannot be shown in the Breeding goat show.
- A minimum of 5 participants. Exhibitors will be notified of acceptance by the OSU Extension Office.
- Limited to one animal per exhibitor.
- Exhibitors must show the same animal in the market show by weight and sex.
- This class will be eligible for Outstanding Goat Start-Up Exhibitor **Award**.
- Exhibitors may attend any county Quality Assurance (QA) program, and it is encouraged to be completed before project pick up.
- Market goat pick up and clinic is April 18 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clinton County Fairgrounds in the Goat/Sheep Barn.
- A Start Up Grooming Clinic will be offered on June 13 at 8:00 a.m. at the Clinton County Fairgrounds in the Goat/Sheep Barn.
- Exhibitors will draw numbers for the order of selection.
- Only members that have registered for the Goat Start-Up Program may exhibit this project.
- This project counts as one of the goats tagged by the exhibitor.
- The member may exhibit two market goats at the Clinton County Junior Fair and the Goat Start-Up Program goat must be one of the exhibited animals.
- The Goat Start-Up class will have a minimum weight limit of **60 lbs.**
- All other market class and junior fair rules apply.
- The Goat Start-Up class will be shown after the Wether Dam class on market goat show day.
- Sheep and Goat committee has the discretion to split/combine classes based on participant numbers.

NOTE: Additional rules are under Junior Fair Rules and Livestock Rules

Outstanding Start-Up Goat Exhibitor

The Outstanding Exhibitor Award recognizes the exhibitor who excels in goat knowledge, showmanship, and class placings. Based on a total point system of ninety (100) points; 1/4 will be based on the exhibitor's Skillathon placing; 1/4 will be based on the exhibitor's showmanship placing, 1/4 will be based on the **highest** placing of the exhibitors' class placings, and the final 1/4 will be based on Rate of Gain. Points will be awarded for Skillathon, Showmanship, and Highest Placing as follows:

Placing Points:

1st	25
2nd	21
3rd	17
4th	13
5th	9
6th	5

Rate of Gain- All Start-Up goats will be weighed at pick up date. That weight will be recorded on the entry form of the exhibitor. The final weight will be collected at Clinton County JR. Fair Sheep and Goat weigh in. Points will be rewarded as follows:

Placing Points:

1st	25	6th	15
2nd	23	7th	13
3rd	21	8th	11
4th	19	9th	9
5th	17	10th	7

Ties will be broken as follows:

First tie breaker - Skillathon score, second tie breaker - highest showmanship placing, third tie breaker - placing of the exhibitor's highest class placing, fourth tie breaker - placing of the exhibitor's second highest class placing. If a tie still exists, an interview will be conducted between the individual exhibitors and the designated members of the Sheep and Goat Committee.

A Senior (14-18 years) and Junior (8-13 years) division Outstanding Exhibitor Award will be presented in each project based on number of participants in the project.

Awards will be presented at the Sale of Champions Saturday, July 18 at 1:00pm.

Sheep & Goat Committee reserves the right to combine awards based on participation/exhibitor entries.